

**Economic Development Administration  
Planning Performance Awards  
Second Quarter of Fiscal Year 2008**

The week of March 31, 2008, Sandy K. Baruah, Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Economic Development, announced four EDA Planning Performance Award recipients for the second quarter of Fiscal Year 2008.

**Recipient:** **Economic Development Partnership of Aiken and Edgefield Counties, Inc., and South Carolina Department of Commerce (Partnership)**

**Location:** Aiken and Edgefield Counties, South Carolina

**Planning Performance Award Amount:** \$14,000

**EDA Original Investment Amount:** \$280,000

**Investment Description:**

In 2006, EDA invested \$280,000 in a collaborative study and redevelopment plan to promote regional economic recovery following the closure of a large textile mill in the Central Savannah River Area (CSRA).

**Description of Planning Performance Achievements:**

This collaborative study provided regional leadership with development and redevelopment alternatives to offset job losses and aid in economic recovery. The Partnership received an EDA Planning Performance Award because it demonstrated outstanding regional collaboration, including participation of three councils of government (COG), 35 federal, local and state units of government and private entities. All three COGs agreed to integrate specific objectives of the final plan into their Comprehensive Economic Development Strategies (CEDs).

**Recipient:** **Planning and Development District III (District III)**

**Location:** Yankton, South Dakota

**Planning Project Award Amount:** \$3,448

**EDA Original Investment Amount:** \$68,950

**Investment Description:**

In 2006, EDA invested \$68,950 to develop and implement District III's Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDs).

**Description of Planning Performance Award Achievements:**

Yankton's Planning and Development District III earned an EDA Planning Performance Award for the effective development and implementation of its CEDs. District III, which includes 15 counties and three Indian reservations, collaborated widely to build the regional economy and generate jobs.

**Recipient:** **Southwestern Pennsylvania Commission (SPC)**

**Location:** Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

**Planning Performance Award Amount:** \$2,600

**EDA Original Investment Amount:** \$52,000

**Investment Description:**

In 2006, EDA invested \$52,000 to fund the development of the *2035 Transportation and Development Plan for Southwestern Pennsylvania*.

**Description of Planning Performance Award Achievements:**

Southwestern Pennsylvania Commission received an EDA Planning Performance Award for its effective management of the *2035 Transportation and Development Plan for Southwestern Pennsylvania* (<http://www.spcregion.org/proj/>). The Commission collaborated widely and produced a unified regional plan to grow the economy and generate jobs within its 10 county area.

**Recipient:** Puget Sound Regional Council

**Location:** Puget Sound, Washington

**Planning Performance Award Amount:** \$10,000

**EDA Original Investment Amount:** \$200,000

**Investment Description:**

In 2006, EDA invested \$200,000 to implement Prosperity Partnership's regional economic strategy.

**Description of Planning Performance Award Achievements:**

EDA's investment supported the implementation of a regional economic strategy by the Prosperity Partnership, a coalition of businesses, state and local government entities, institutions of higher education, port authorities, school districts, workforce development councils and other groups. The Partnership's strategy focused on five key regional industry clusters: aerospace, clean technology, information technology, life sciences, and logistics and international trade. Puget Sound Regional Council earned an EDA Planning Performance Award for its effective management and implementation of its regional economic strategy.